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Dear Ms. Hesse,

The Justice Department and State Attorney General offices' case against Microsoft was arguably unwarranted from its commencement.

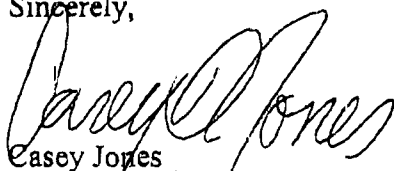
As a concerned and active voting citizen, I am focused on how to keep taxes at a minimum in our state as well as serving as somewhat of a watchdog for the use of taxpayer money at the state level.

There has been no proof of consumer harm from the monopoly behavior of which this technology company is being accused. Yet, this suit continued seemingly gaining steam with every new wave of national media attention that came with it. At present, consumers are no better or worse off than when it all started. Unless you consider their position as taxpayers, in which case they are much worse for the wear.

More than \$1 million has been spent by Iowa's state attorney office alone. Millions of tax dollars have also been spent cumulatively by the other states involved in the case and tens of millions more by the federal Justice Department.

Now after cycling through mediators and various bumps in the road toward bringing this case to an end, there is now a settlement proposed. The proposal is one that gives enough to satisfy both sides and addresses the consumer concerns. I urge you to accept it for the sake of the American taxpayer.

Sincerely,



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